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SUBJECT: REPORTAGE OF TRAVELING PRESS, THURSDAY, MAY 2

FOR ANDERSON FROM HARE

SUMMARY: ALL OF TRAVELING NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS CARRY  
STORIES ON HAK TRIP, BERGER AND SAIKOWSKI ON PAGE 1.

THRUST OF MOST STORIES IS CONFLICTING EGYPTIAN OPTIMISM  
AND US CAUTION ON PROSPECTS FOR SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGE-  
MENT AGREEMENT. AP EX JERUSALEM STRESSES AFTER  
THREE ROUND OF MEETINGS ISRAELI SOURCES REPORT NO PROGRESS  
ON STOPPING FIGHTING. QUOTES SECRETARY TO EFFECT FIGHT-  
ING IS HAMPERING PEACE EFFORTS. LEAD UPI IS SECRETARY'S  
RECEIVING ISRAEL'S PROPOSAL FOR DISENGAGEMENT AND  
REASSURANCES TO ISRAELIS HE WILL NOT WORK AGAINST THEIR  
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SECURITY.

1. GWERTZMAN (NYT) PAGE 9 ARTICLE "AL AHAM REPORTS A KISSINGER PLAN" (ENTIRE ARTICLE SENT SEPTTEL) POINTS TO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN EGYPTIAN OPTIMISM AND US CAUTION ON DISENGAGEMENT. HAS KISSINGER AND AIDES DENYING AL AHAM REPORT THAT PLAN FOR DISENGAGEMENT EXISTS AND COUNTERING RUMOR THAT ISRAEL HAS PRIVATELY AGREED TO RETURN EL QUNEITRA. KISSINGER'S TOP AIDES CHARACTERIZE EGYPTIAN OPTIMISM AS ENCOURAGING BUT GROUNDLESS, SAY HAK EXPECTS "BLOOD ON THE FLOOR" WHEN HE MEETS WITH ISRAELIS. GWERTZMAN REPORTS CONFUSION STEMS IN PART FROM PRESS UNCERTAINTY WHETHER KISSINGER AIDES ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ON RECENT SECRET CONTACTS. CITES EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SHEEPISHLY CONFIRMING HAK WOULD RETURN TO ALEXANDRIA AFTER EARLIER RIDICULING THE REPORT.

2. BERGER (POST) ARTICLE PAGE 1 ABOVE FOLD (PIX OF SADAT GREETING HA K AND MRS. KISSINGER ON ALEXANDRIA ARRIVAL), LEADS WITH FAHMI REPORT SYRIA PREPARED TO RELEASE 65 ISRAELI PRISONERS AS PART OF INITIAL DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. HAS EGYPTIAN SOURCES DESCRIBING DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS AS "IN THE BAG" WITH SYRIA DROPPING DEMAND FOR TIMETABLE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM AREAS NOT COVERED IN INITIAL AGREEMENT. US OFFICIALS REPORTED DENYING REPORTS THAT ISRAEL HAS PRIVATELY AGREED TO GIVE UP QUNEITRA IN FIRST STAGE OF DISENGAGEMENT. SAYS SADAT CONFIRMS US ARMS TO EGYPT DISCUSSED IN BROAD TERMS, BUT QUOTED SADAT: "I DIDN'T DEMAND ANYTHING. I DIDN'T ASK EITHER." LENGTHY QUOTES INCLUDED FROM SADAT MAY DAY SPEECH.

3. JHABVALA (GLOBE) JOINS CHORUS POINTING TO DIFFERING ASSESSMENTS OF DISENGAGEMENT EFFORT GIVEN BY US AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS. ARTICLE APPEARS PAGE 2 UNDER HEAD "ISRAEL-SYRIA PACT NEAR, EGYPT SAYS; US LESS OPTIMISTIC." HAS AMERICAN OFFICIALS DENYING AGREEMENT IS SEWN UP. LIKE GWERTZMAN, JHABVALA CITES INCIDENT OF US OFFICIALS FIRST DENYING THEN CONFIRMING REPORT HAK WILL RETURN TO EGYPT SATURDAY, A FACT KNOWN TO EGYPTIANS SINCE YESTERDAY. UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUDES WITH LENGTHY QUOTES FROM SADAT MAY DAY SPEECH.

4. O'LEARY PAGE 4 ANALYSIS OF NEW US-EGYPTIAN "LOVE AFFAIR" UNDER HEAD "SADAT CASTS HIS LOT WITH MR. HENRY", WITH PIX OF SADAT DELIVERING MAY DAY ADDRESS. PRAISES HAK FOR PERCEIVING ADVANTAGES OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH EGYPT, BUT GIVES FULL CREDIT FOR NEW RELATIONSHIP AND "VIRTUAL ALLIANCE" TO "THE INSTINCTS AND WISDOM OF THE

CANNY SADAT". O'LEARY ALSO POINTS TO HEAVY HANDED RUSSIAN TREATMENT OF EGYPTIANS AS CAUSE FOR REALIGNMENT. REPORTS EGYPT WILL TURN TO US FOR ARMS WHICH TIES IN WITH KISSINGER'S BALANCE OF POWER STRATEGY IN MIDEAST.

5. SAIKOWSKI IN (CSM) PAGE 1 STORY "KISSINGER PUTS PRESSURE ON ISRAELIS" EMPHASIZES NEED FOR ISRAEL TO TAKE FIRST STEP. IN APPARENT CONTRAVENTION OF BACKGROUND RULE, QUOTES SENIOR OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH KISSINGER PARTY EN ROUTE TO ALEXANDRIA SAYING "MASSIVE PROBLEM" WILL RESULT IF NO GIVE IN ISRAELI POSITION. FURTHER QUOTES FROM SENIOR OFFICIAL AS FOLLOWS. ON SYRIA: "TO ACCEPT ANY LINE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IS A TREMENDOUS CONCESSION, SOMETHING THEY HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED." ON ISRAEL: "(ISRAEL) DOES NOT CARE THAT IT IS HARD FOR THE SYRIANS. IT SIMPLY JUDGES THE LINE BY WHERE IT IS." SAME SENIOR OFFICIAL SAYS ISRAEL MUST DECIDE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO ACHIEVE ACCORD AND "NOT WHAT THE IDEAL SOLUTION IS."

6. AP - NO BYLINE. REPORTS HAK HAS BEEN TRYING TO END FIGHTING BUT ISRAELI OFFICIALS REPORTED NO PROGRESS. QUOTES HAK SAYING ON DISCUSSIONS THAT THEY WERE "CLARIFYING ELEMENTS OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF DISENGAGEMENT." BUT PERES IS QUOTED TO SAY NO PROGRESS MADE IN ELIMINATING THE CONFLICT IN DEMANDS BY ISRAEL AND SYRIA WHILE ADDING THIS WAS NOT PURPOSE OF MEETINGS. PERES ALSO STATED HAK WOULD TAKE ISRAEL'S PROPOSALS TO SYRIA AND RETURN JERUSALEM SUNDAY FOR "TOUGHER BARGAINING" ONCE SYRIAN POSITIONS IN HAND.

7. UPI - NO BYLINE. REPORTS THAT HAK RECEIVED ISRAEL'S PROPOSAL FOR MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT THOUGH IT QUOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICAN SPOKESMAN THAT NO SPECIFIC MAP PRESENTED. TALKS CONCERNED, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN, CEASE-FIRE LINE, POWS, BUFFER ZONE, AND ROLE OF UN. MCCLOSKEY IS REPORTED TO HAVE DESCRIBED TALKS AS "CHARACTERISTICALLY FRIENDLY".

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